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ITEM 100 -- STORAGE

"Storage-in-transit" (SIT) - is temporary warehouse storage of a shipment for 90 days or less pending further transportation. Property may be placed into SIT one or more times but may not exceed a total of 90 days. This temporary storage may be in either a warehouse owned by the carrier, or in a warehouse the carrier has chosen as its agent. Liability for the shipment while in storage-in-transit is the responsibility of the carrier. ♦For information related to temporary storage-in-vehicle refer to Item 101. *(TV-000921)*

"Permanent storage" is warehouse storage of a shipment for longer than 90 days. The warehouse is considered the destination of a shipment delivered to permanent storage. The carrier's liability for the shipment ceases upon delivery to the warehouse. Liability for the shipment while in permanent storage is the responsibility of the warehouse.

Customer choice of storage. The carrier must ensure that the customer specifically choose SIT or Permanent Storage service by signing or initialing on the bill of lading. The customer is responsible for the added charges for storage service, warehouse handling and final delivery of the shipment.

Inventory required. Both the carrier and warehouse must maintain an inventory on any shipment placed in storage. The records must show:

- (a) An itemized list of the items in the shipment and the number of the bill of lading under which the shipment is moving;
- (b) The origin and destination points of the shipment;
- (c) The condition of each article when it was received at, and forwarded from, the SIT warehouse;
- (d) The dates when all charges, advances, or payments were made or received; and
- (e) The dates the shipment was delivered into, and forwarded from, the warehouse.

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1. Storage-in-transit (SIT)

A. Charges due when a shipment is placed into SIT: On the date a shipment is placed into SIT the carrier may bill the customer:

- (a) The charges for transporting the shipment from the origin to the warehouse. ♦Charges for transportation are determined by using Item 200 (mileage rates) for shipments moving more than 35 miles, Item 230 (hourly rates) if the shipment is 35 miles or less; (TV-000921)
- (b) The storage charges for the first 30-day period;
- (c) Charges for any additional services such as packing materials, overtime incurred, third party billings, etc.;
- (d) Warehouse handling in charges; and
- (e) Valuation charges – see item 90.

B. Charges for Storage-In-Transit

Service	Rate to be charged per 100 pounds stored		Minimum charge	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
For each 30-day period goods remain in storage	▲\$0.90	▲\$1.50	▲\$4.50	▲\$7.50
Warehouse handling in	▲\$0.82	▲\$1.36	▲\$4.06	▲\$6.76
Warehouse handling out	▲\$0.82	▲\$1.36	▲\$4.06	▲\$6.76

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C. Adding to, or removing a portion of, property from SIT: A customer may add to, or remove a portion of, the property in SIT. SIT charges for the balance of the SIT period will be based on the weight of goods remaining in storage. Charges for transportation furnished, if any, for the delivery of the remainder of the shipment will be based on the weight remaining in SIT.

- (1) **Removing a portion of the property from SIT:** A customer may remove a portion of the property from SIT if all charges for the shipment have been paid in full or the customer and carrier have negotiated for payment arrangements. If the customer requests the carrier to deliver the portion of the property removed from SIT, the carrier will charge for delivery as if it were a separate shipment with the origin being the SIT warehouse.

No property may be removed from the carrier's or agent's warehouse until all lawful charges are paid or satisfactory payment arrangements are negotiated.

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- (2) **Adding property to a SIT shipment:** During the SIT period, the customer may add property to that already in SIT. The following charges and rules will apply:
- (a) If the carrier transports the additional property to SIT, charges will be calculated from origin to the warehouse by using the rates shown in Item 200 (mileage rates) or Item 230 (hourly rates);
 - (b) Warehouse handling in charges as shown in the table below; and
 - (c) All subsequent charges, including SIT fees, will be based on the total weight of the combined shipment.
- (3) The customer must pay warehouse handling charges if the warehouse is required to unstack or restack the shipment, or a portion of the shipment, to facilitate the customer's selection of property. See table of charges below.

Service	Rate to be charged per 100 pounds stored		Minimum charge per occurrence	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Warehouse handling, stacking or restacking to withdraw property from SIT	▲\$1.62	▲\$2.70	▲\$8.10	▲\$13.50
Warehouse handling in	▲\$0.82	▲\$1.36	▲\$4.05	▲\$6.76
Warehouse handling out	▲\$0.82	▲\$1.36	▲\$4.05	▲\$6.76

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- D. **If the customer does not remove the shipment from SIT within 90 days:**
- (a) The carrier's liability terminates at midnight on the 90th day;
 - (b) The warehouse is considered the destination of the shipment;
 - (c) The warehouse is considered to be the agent of the customer and the property becomes subject to the rules, regulations and charges of the warehouse; and
 - (d) The carrier must bill the customer for all charges accrued to date.

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- E. **Delivery from SIT requested, but not provided:** If a customer notifies the carrier, at

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least 15 days before the end of a 30-day SIT period, that it wants its property delivered, but the carrier does not make the delivery by the end of that period, the carrier cannot charge any additional SIT or storage charges. All other SIT provisions will apply until the carrier can deliver the property.

- F. **Change in destination from that shown on the original bill of lading:** The owner of the property in SIT may change the destination originally shown on the bill of lading by notifying the carrier in writing. When the carrier receives the notice, the carrier will make a notation on the bill of lading indicating that the customer requested the change.
- G. **Delivery attempted but cannot be accomplished:** If delivery cannot be made at the address specified on the bill of lading because of circumstances listed in Item 15, (Refusal to Pickup or Deliver Shipment), and the customer has not given another address where delivery can be made, the carrier will hold the shipment under the SIT provisions of this item.
- H. **Rates and charges to be assessed if there is a rate increase while property is in SIT:** Rates that were in effect on the date the shipment was loaded at the point of origin will remain in effect until delivery of the shipment at the point of destination.

2. Permanent Storage

Transferring property from SIT into permanent storage:

- (a) The customer may at any time decide to transfer property from SIT to permanent storage by providing written notice to the carrier and the warehouse.
- (b) Once property is transferred to permanent storage, the warehouse is considered the destination of the shipment.
- (c) Within seven days of receiving notice that the customer wants its property moved into permanent storage, the carrier must provide a final bill for all SIT charges due.
- (d) The carrier's liability for the property ceases when the property is transferred into permanent storage. Liability for the property while in permanent storage is the responsibility of the warehouse. Valuation coverage for the property must be purchased from the warehouse.

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